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SUBJECT: TESTIMONY OF FOUNDATION FOR PEOPLES OF SOUTH PACIFIC
(RSP) BEFORE AUSTRALIAN SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN
AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE

REF: FROST-IMUS TELECON

1. EMBASSY POUCHING WELLINGTON, ATTENDTION IMUS, SOME 80
PAGES OF TESTIMONY OF OFFICIALS OF FOUNDATION FOR THE
PEOPLES OF SOUTH PACIFIC, AUSTRALIA BRANCH (FSP-A) BEFORE
AUSTRALIANS SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS
AND DEFENSE.

2. BASIC THREAD OF FSP-A TESTIMONY WAS PLEAS FOR SUBSIDY
BY ADAB TO HELP FUND ITS ACTIVITIES AS FSP-NEW YORK WAS
INCREASINGLY EXPECTING IT TO BE SELF SUPPORTING AND NOT
DEPENDENT ON NEW YORK. FSP-A CLAIMED THAT ITS METHOD OF
OPERATION WAS TO SEEK OUT PROJECTS AND THEN GET OTHER
AUSTRALIAN FUND RAISING ORGANIZATIONS TO FINANCE THEM. IT
DID NOT RAISE FUNDS ITSELF. FSP-A CLAIMED THAT
IN PAST IT HAD RECEIVED FUNDS FROM AUSTRALIAN DEVELOPMENT
ASSISTANCE AGENCY/BUREAU (ADAA/B), BUT THAT
RECENTLY ADAA/B HAD ADOPTED POLICY THAT ASSISTANCE TO
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NGO'S SHOULD BE ON "MATCHING FUND" BASIS, WHICH MADE
FSP-A INELIGIBLE AS IT WAS NOT RPT NOT A FUND
RAISING ORGANIZATION IN AUSTRALIA.

3. ALTHOUGH COMMITTEE CLOSELY QUESTIONED FSP-A REPS AS
TO ITS METHODS OF OPERATIONS AND AS TO POSSIBLE OVERLAP,
THERE DOES NOT APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN ANY CONCERN ON PART

OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS THAT FSP-A'S ADMINISTRATIVE
EXPENSES WERE TOO HIGH. IN FACT FSP-A REPS TESTIFIED
THAT ALL PERSONNEL OF FSP-A WERE NON-SALARIED VOLUNTEERS
AND THAT MAIN EXPENSES WERE FOR TRAVEL, PER DIEM, POSTAGE,
ETC.

4. TRUST FOREGOING WILL PROVE USEFUL PENDING RECEIPT
OF ACTUAL TESTIMONY.
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